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SUBJECT: POST APOLLO: HANIN STATEMENT ON EUROPEAN SPACE
PROGRAMS

1. SCIENCE POLICY MINISTER HANIN, IN LE SOIR INTERVIEW ON EUROPEAN SPACE PROGRAM PUBLISHED MAY 10, DEPLORED THE FAIT ACCOMPLI PRESENTED TO BELGIUM BY FRENCH AND GERMANS IN ANNOUNCING AT APRIL 27 ELDO MEETING THEIR DECISION TO SCRAP EUROPA II. HANIN ALSO SAID THAT BELGIUM IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH FRENCH L3 S AND GERMAN SORTIE MODULE PROJECTS PROVIDED IT HAS ADEQUATE GUARANTEES AS TO BENEFITS TO BELGIAN INDUSTRY.

HE STATED THAT HE INTENDS TO CONVOKE EUROPEAN SPACE CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (AU PLUS TOT) TO DISCUSS NOT ONLY L3 S AND SORTIE MODULE ARRANGEMENTS, BUT ALSO PROGRESS ON CREATING SINGLE EUROPEAN SPACE ORGANIZATION.
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2. COMMENT: FONMIN SPACE OFFICIAL (BEYENS) WAS APPARENTLY CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY HANIN'S STATEMENT ABOUT CONVENING ESC MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THAT HANIN MAY BE THINKING OF TRYING TO GET NEGOTIATIONS ON SPACE PROJECTS BACK WITHIN EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK AND AWAY FROM BILATERAL APPROACH.

3. BEYENS WAS ALSO SURPRISED AND UNHAPPY, INCIDENTALLY, AT CHARBONNEL'S TYING FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN SORTIEMODULE TO OTHER COUNTRIES' COVERING 40 PERCENT COST OF L3 S PROJECT (AS REPORTED REFTEL).

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